

The Third Nipple

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Recently I've heard people talking about scientists "discovering" the origins of kissing.

There was an announcement on BBC Radio News and they also mentioned this on "Have I Got News for You".

The whole thing seems so ridiculous to me.

I've always believed that kissing originates from mammalian animals feeding their young by chewing the food and then regurgitating the pre-digested food directly into the baby animal's mouth.

Many non mammals such as birds do similar things, but humans have taken this behaviour to the next level.

The baby gets weaned from the nipple feed onto the mouth-to-mouth feed and it makes a smooth transition from nipple to mouth to copying the grown-up's way of eating.

The mouth to mouth love continues to be a sign of tenderness (or "tenderising-ness" if you will) into adult life. The mouth is accepted by the child as being a third nipple of loving contact.

I didn't read this in a book. I simply took it for granted because it is so obvious.

How can scientists claim that they've just discovered an ancient origin for kissing?

It's so completely obvious and self explanatory!

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